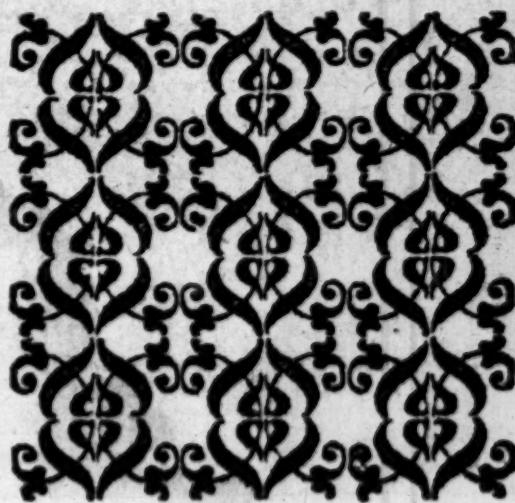


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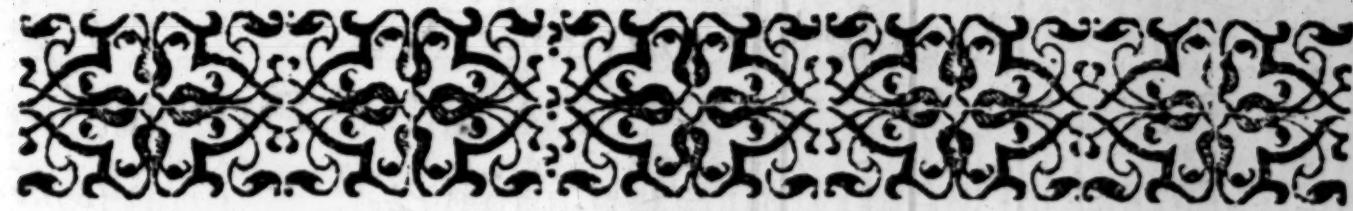
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1. **F**irst, whether your Church , in every part bee
kept in good reparation, and furnished with all
bookes, a Communion Cup, a decent & comly
Surplesse, a fayre standing Communion ta-
ble, with ordinary number of bells, & whether the win-
dowes be well glased, and your Churchyard kept sweete
and cleane, and sufficiently fenced.
2. Item, whether you haue in your Church a Parch-
ment booke, to register the names of such as are bapti-
zed, married, and buried , and the same kept and vsed
according to the last Canons in that behalfe prouided.
3. Item, whether your Church be veyde, and if it bee,
who gathereth the fruites thereof. And if it be full, whe-
ther the Incumbent haue any moxe benefices then one,
and whether hee be a Preacher, yea or no, and what de-
gree of Schoole he hath taken, and what yéeres he was
of when he was thereunto instituted.
4. Item, whether your Minister doth reverentlie say
seruice, and minister the Sacraments according to the
Booke of Common Prayers , without any alteration
thereof, and namely, vse the Ring in marriage, and the
signe of the Crosse in Baptisme. And whether doth hee
vse in his ministratiōn the ornaments appoynted by the
Lawes now in force, euery Sonday and Holiday.

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5. Item, whether haue you had monthly Sermons in your Parish-church at the least, or no. And whether are the Homilies read when there is no Sermon, and by whom the sayde Sermons were preached.

6. Item, whether any person, beeing not Deacon at the least, be suffered to say seruice in your Church, to minister the Sacraments, or bury the dead. And whether doth any take vpon him to preach, not beeing sufficient-ly licenced in writing. And whether doth any use to preach, that doth not once in the yeere at the least administer one of the Sacraments.

7. Item, whether your Parson or Vicar bee resident vpon his Benefice, and whether hee bee an incontinent person, or suspected thereof, or guiltie of any other kind of lewdnes, vice, or notorious sinne.

8. Item, whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, haue publiquely or otherwise, spoken against the order or government of the Church of England, or the booke of Common-prayer established by lawe, and what poyntes therein he hath oppugned, in word, writing, or preaching.

9. Item, whether your Minister use to pray for the Queenes Maiestie, Queen Elizabeth, in your Church, by the title & stile due to her Maiestie, appointed by the statutes of this Realme and her Vighnesse inunctions, and exhort the people to obedience to her Vighnesse, and other Magistrates beeing in authoritie vnder her. And whether he pray also for the Arch-bishops and Bishops, and the whole Clergie of this Realme, according to the said statutes and inunctions.

10. Item, whether your Minister doth not openly in your Church catechise such as be of convenient age, according,

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cording to the order set forth in the Booke of Common
prayer.

11. Item, whether all persons of convenient age, doe
not repaire unto the Church, vpon Sondays, and Ho-
lidays, and receiue the Communion thrise yereley, hum-
bly kneeling, and not standing, nor sitting.

12. Item, whether doe you knowe any persons that
with-holde any stocke of the Church, or haue not made
their account dylie according to the lawe, hauing beeene
Church-wardens.

13. Item, whether doe you knowe any common swea-
rer, drunkard, or blasphemer, any simonicall person, v-
surer, witch, coniurer, soothsayer, charmer, fornicatour,
adulterer, incestuous person, or any that harboreth in-
continent persons, or any vehemently suspected of any
of those crimes.

14. Item, whether there bee any Schoole-maister in
your parrish, & whether he doth teach without licence of
his Ordinarie vnder his seale or no, & what is his name.

15. Item, whether your Parson or Vicar serueth his
cure by himselfe, or by a Curate: if by a Curate, what is
his name, and whether he be licenced.

16. Item, whether doe you knowe any that dooth ob-
stinately defende papistrie, heresies, errors, false doc-
trine, schismes, sects, or innovacions, and who they bee,
and in what paynts.

17. Item, whether doe you knowe any man in your par-
rish that hath two wifes liyng, or any woman that hath
two husbands liyng.

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18. Item, whether doe you knowe any person excommunicated in your parish, and whether any such doe repaire to the Church. And whether your Parson, Vicare, or Curate, doth not continue still the denunciation of all excommunicated persons, vntill hee be aduertised vnder the Chancellors hand that such be absolved and restored.
19. Item, whether your parish Church or Chauncell, or the Parsonage or Vicaradge house be ruinous or decayed, and by whose default.
20. Item whether doe you know any that use conuenticles, or meetings for expounding of Scriptures, or saying of prayers in private houses or places.
21. Item, whether doe you know any receivers of Jesuites, Seminaries, or Massing priestes, or any other fugitive persons, or reconciled to the Church of Rome.
22. Item, whether there be any Hospitaless or Almes-houses within your parish, & whether the same be used according to the foundation and ordinances thereof.
23. Item, whether doe you knowe any person ordered by the law to doe penance, or excommunicated for not dooing the same, doe still continue vreformed.
24. Item whether any person or persons, haue deceas'd within your parish since ~~the day of the last yere~~
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whose Testaments are to be proued before the Ordinarie, or the administration of their goods to be graunted, and specifie their names vpon your oathes.
25. Item, whether the corporall penance of any adulterous, incestuous or incontinent person within your parish hath beene committed into any pecuniarie summe of money,

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money, by your Archdeacon, his Officiall, or Register. And how many within your parish haue offended in fornication, adulterie, incest, or incontinencie, sithence the last Parliament, and declare their names.

26. Item, whether your Minister hath or doth refuse to deuounce or execute any processe, that is to him directed in the name of the Lord Bishop, or his Chauncelor, from the Consistory of Exeter, as by law and his canonicall obedience he ought to doe.

27. Item, how many apparitors are within your Deaneerie, and how many of them belong to the Consistorie, and howe many to the Arch-deacon, and declare theye names. And whether any of them carry about processes called Quorum nomina, wherein the names of suspected persons are not set downe and expressed, and the proces subscribed by the Chauncelor, or the Officiall of the Archdeacon, or not.

28. Item, whether any Sommers haue assympned any person within your parish, and after compounded with him, and made no returne thereof, according to the tenor of his proces, or exacted any fees, other then haue bene vsually to him payd.

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